

It is Finished

John 19:16-37

John 19:16

Pilate, most likely, signed a death warrant and sent a detachment of Roman soldiers to see that the execution was carried out.

John 19:17

John leaves out Simon of Cyrene compelled to carry Jesus' cross (Mk 15:21).

Jesus put in middle of quaternion of Roman soldiers.

Placed 100 pound crossbeam, or patibulum, across bloodied shoulders.

Roman officer went ahead of Jesus displaying sign *Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews*.

He carried cross down road called Via Dolorosa.

Place of a skull: horrible thing to look at -- symbol of death.

John 19:18

Jesus hanging between two criminals.

Phillips: *Everything about crucifixion was horrible. The excruciating pain, the unnatural position, the prolonged agony, sometimes dragging on for days, the heat, the thirst, the flies, the nakedness, the shame. And men did this to their maker.*

Jesus laying there with hands nailed to crossbeam as feet dangled.

Took his feet and bent them a little bit and nailed to cross.

C.S.Lewis, *The Four Loves* (New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1960), p. 176... *The buzzing cloud of flies about the cross, the flayed back pressed against the uneven stake, the nails driven through the medial nerves, the repeated torture of back and arms as it is time after time, for breath's sake, hitched up. If I may dare the biological image, God is a "host" who deliberately creates his own parasites; causes us to be that we may exploit and "take advantage of" him. Herein is love. This is the diagram of Love himself, the inventor of all loves.*"

In the midst:

Luke 2:46 Luke 24:36 Rev 2:1 Rev 5:6 Rev 7:17 Matthew 18:20

Maybe enemies wanted Him in middle to disgrace Him.

Didn't realize--fulfillment of prophecy. Isaiah 53:12

John 19:19-20

What a way to intimidate and offend Jewish leaders.

Crosses located in place where thousands of people passed by.

Tithe written in three official languages in the country.

JESUS OF NAZARETH THE KING OF THE JEWS--Jews denied.

Crucifying Jesus because claimed to be King of Jews

John 19:21

Grammatically--imperfect verb tense--Jews kept asking Pilate

John 19:22

Pilate answered in perfect tense... Literally, What I have written I have written and it will never change.

John 11:49-52

Caiaphas motivated by evil intentions.

Even though motives and words political--issuing prophecy which have impact on world.

Jesus of Nazareth the king of the Jews. Proclaiming Jesus to be sovereign.

God is making the wrath of man to praise Him (Psa 76:10).

John 19:23

Four men.

Gambling for clothes in front of Him.

Hughes: *The four Roman soldiers were an unwitting picture of a world without God, a capsulization of the world's neglect of Christ's atoning death.*

Jesus had two types of clothing--cloak or outer garments and the coat or tunic or inner garment.

Matthew 26:59-65; 27:51

John 19:24

Psalm 22:18 *They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture.*

John 19:25

Compare the 4 gospel writers:

John: only one who mentions Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Matt, Mark, and John mention Mary Magdalene

Matthew and Mark: Mary the mother of James and Joses.

Matthew: the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

Mark: Salome.

John: sisters of Jesus' mother. All referring to same woman (Salome-Mary's sister, the aunt of Jesus, and her sons James and John were cousins).

With exception of John, only relatives of Jesus who came to crucifixion were women.

Mary Magdalene: demon-possessed woman delivered by Jesus.

Sons of Mary, the wife of Cleophas, and Salome—followers of Jesus. Had seen His miracles and observed His sinless life.

Joseph dead at this time.

Mary, Jesus' mother, was widow

All her other children were unbelievers.

John 19:26-27

Jesus, in midst of horrible pain and suffering, still thinks of others.

Concerned for mother's well-being.

Sends her home with John, the beloved.

Woman, behold thy son!

No more earthly relationships.

No elevation of Mary.

Phillips: *In Rome there is a church devoted to the worship of Mary. It is one of the major churches in the city, the church of Mary Maggiore. It is the heart of the worship of Mary in the Roman Catholic Church. In the courtyard of this church is a tall crucifix. On one side of this cross, high and lifted up, is a figure of Christ. On the other side of this cross, back to back with him, nailed to the cross with him, is a figure of the virgin Mary. Nor is this simply the expression of some artist's exaggerated enthusiasm for Mary. Official Roman Catholic dogma teaches not only the immaculate conception of the "the blessed virgin Mary" and her bodily)corporeal presence in heaven, not only that people should bow before her images, light candles to her, and pray to her, but they call her "co-redemptrix." By that the church of Rome means that Mary is just as much our redeemer as Christ. No wonder Jesus sent her away from the cross!*

John not mention three hours of darkness from noon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fulfillment of prophecy.

Psa 22:16 piercing of hands and feet.

Psa 22:8 mocking received by enemies.

Psa 22:18 gambling of soldiers for garments.

Psa 22:1 abandonment by God, the Father.

John 19:28-29

Psalm 69:21 *They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.*

Vinegar soaked sponge...placed on the hyssop

Hyssop was plant prescribed in Ex 12:22 to use in applying of blood of Passover lamb to doorpost .

John 19:30

During darkness Jesus made three statements:

I thirst,

It is finished,

Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit: Luke 23:46

It is finished: tetelestai. Consummated..

Every word of prophecy

Every purpose

it is finished and will always be finished!

Shout of victory.

Completed the Law.
Fulfilled the Law.
Finished the atonement,
Finished job for which He was sent.
Completed the entire work of redemption.
...he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

No one murdered Him
No one took life from Him
He laid it down of Himself.

John 10:17-18

John 19:31

High day Sabbath.

First day of feast of the Passover.

Day on which lambs slaughtered

Phillips: ...corresponding to our Wednesday sunset to Thursday sunset. It was unthinkable to the Jews that this high sabbath could be desecrated by having victims still hanging and dying on the nearby hill Golgotha..."

Deuteronomy 21:23

John 19:32-33

Break legs?

Common Roman practice.

Cause excruciating pain.

Shock to system-- result in a quick death.

...fixing the thoracic cage so that the lungs would no longer expel the air which was inhaled. Death was hastened by asphyxiation. Thus these men could preserve the sanctity of the sabbath.

Normally Romans leave victim on cross ...

John 19:34

Blood and water. Evidence of death.

John 19:35

My testimony is accurate and factual.

John 19:36-37

Ex 12:46, Num 9:12, Psa 34:20; Zech 12:10.

So What?

1. Real love:

Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Hughes: *Love is the Son of God hanging by his arms, his muscles paralyzed and unable to respond. Love is God's Son fighting to raise himself in order to get just one short breath. Love is carbon dioxide mounting in the lungs, cramps partially subsiding, allowing our Lord to push himself spasmodically upward for*

life-giving oxygen. This is a picture of God's love. Still, it is only suggestive of His deeper love, His willingness to bear our sin and suffer separation from His beloved Father.

2. Completed mission: It is finished: Jesus has done everything He can do to provide redemption for us.